

July 20, 2009

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Arthur, IL, was held on Monday, July 20, 2009. Village President Ron Kingery called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Roll call was answered by Trustees Terry Clark, Karen Good, Darrell Duzan, Matt Bernius, Mike McWilliams, and Iris Dicks.

Approval of Previous meeting minutes

The regular meeting minutes of July 6, 2009, were approved as corrected, and the Street and Alley Committee meeting minutes of July 9, 2009, were approved as presented.

President Comments and Announcements

- The Village employees continue to install radio read water meters.
- The tax levy workshop is tomorrow night at 6:30pm in Sullivan.
- Last Thursday, President Kingery, I. Dicks, and several others toured the Progress facility. He reviewed the status of the buildings which will go up for sale. Progress will vacate the grounds on or about August 31.
- Denny & Theresa Binion's 40th anniversary will be celebrated on August 1st at the Eberhardt Village. Everyone is invited.
- President Kingery reviewed the 6-month visitors report from the Information Center. The numbers are up slightly from last year.
- President Kingery and I. Dicks met with Kaye Dick on Thursday afternoon. They reviewed and toured subdivisions in Monticello. They looked at entrances and how they were marketed.
- A representative from Western Illinois University was here on July 10 for a tour of the area and to discuss economic development.
- Jim Glosner, the Village's risk management representative, attended the events committee meeting of AAAOC. He offered suggestions and comments on risks and safety for our festivals.
- President Kingery, Sue Perrine, and Jim Watkins attended an IMLRMA meeting regarding risk management.
- At the flood committee meeting last Wednesday, it was announced that the capital works bill, including money for the Palmer Street bridge project, was signed by the governor. President Kingery thanked everyone who has been working on the project.

Treasurer Report

S. Perrine reported on the financial documents.

Visitor Comments

Village employee Sue Perrine was present.

Trustee Reports

- T. Clark commented on the tour and program with the WIU representative and the traffic count in town. He asked about potential conflicts with two Trustees and President Kingery being at the AAEDC meetings. R. Crossman he understands that it is a conflict whenever three or more Trustees / Village President are present and there is discussion among them about Village business. It is not a conflict if three of them are present and only two participate in the discussion. R. Crossman will check further. He commented on the leadership change at Rockome Gardens.
- M. Bernius reported on a citizen concern about a neighbor's trash piling up and a cat digging through it.
- I. Dicks commented about the amount of foot traffic and the landscape work on the north side that needs to be done at the tourist center.

Police Chief Report

M. Goodman advised the Board about an equipment grant proposal that was just published through the Criminal Justice Information Authority. He has already filed a proposal for \$25,000 for a new squad car and computer.

Last Friday the Arthur and Mattoon Police Departments presented Dicks Pharmacy with a certificate of appreciation for assistance in arresting a suspect for producing child pornography.

There was one minor arrest at the fair.

Village Attorney Report

A variance meeting is scheduled for August 6 at 5:05pm. Immediately after that meeting, the Planning & Zoning Board will meet to begin working on the issues from the work session meeting.

Old Business

President Kingery tabled discussion and action regarding air conditioning at the Water Plant.

New Business

There has been discussion regarding renaming the North Vine Street Subdivision. Suggestions given were Prairie Fields, Prairie Meadows, The Prairie, The Meadow, and Ritterland (German for Land of the Knights). There was discussion about soliciting suggestions from the community and how to do that. M. Bernius will talk to Mike Aikman about using the State Bank of Arthur's ad space in the newspaper. This was tabled until the August 3rd Board meeting.

D. Duzan reviewed the discussions from the Street and Alley Committee about projects for Motor Fuel Tax money. D. Duzan made a motion to approve the appropriations request for funds for Motor Fuel Tax in the amount of \$100,000. T. Clark seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

Sharon Buckler arrived and presented a request from the Vine Street Christian Church to close West Park Street from the alley to Vine Street to both east and west traffic for the community to watch a movie. The alley would be open for traffic. D. Duzan made a motion to allow the Vine Street Christian Church to close Park Street from Vine Street to the alley to east- and west-bound traffic on August 14 with a rain date of August 15. I. Dicks seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

K. Good presented two quotes for two 20' x 30' (approximately) buildings to sit side-by-side with concrete floors and pony walls to store salt and patch. The cost is approximately \$9,600. They will sit between the Street Dept. shed and the recycle bin and face the south. The Street and Alley Committee needs to meet again with the sales people to better compare the quotes. The buildings will be able to be relocated if needed. This was tabled until the Committee can meet again.

President Kingery reviewed information from The Arthur Home about their anniversary dinner and program booklets. There was discussion about the size of ad and purchasing tickets. Those stating they would attend stated they would purchase their own tickets. M. Bernius made a motion to purchase a full page ad in the booklet, the silver level, for \$170. I. Dicks seconded. Trustees Clark, Good, Duzan, Bernius, and Dicks voted YEA. Trustee McWilliams voted NAY.

M. Bernius reviewed information about the drainage project split between the Village, Kuhn's Equipment, and the Cemetery Board. The bill is \$1,227.70 higher than what was approved. M. Bernius explained the additional cost and work that was done. M. Bernius made a motion to approve the pay Yoder Farm Drainage in the amount of \$7,227.70. D. Duzan seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

S. Perrine presented information about the Village's work on census and the importance of an accurate count for the Village. K. Good made a motion to sign and confirm the Village's proclamation for the census. M. McWilliams seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

Approve Expenditures

T. Clark made a motion to approve expenditures in the amount of \$54,110.27. I. Dicks seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

T. Clark made a motion to approve June expenditures not yet approved in the amount of \$46,630.58. M. Bernius seconded. All Trustees voted YEA.

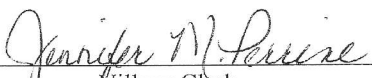
Adjourn

M. McWilliams made a motion to adjourn; M. Bernius seconded. President Kingery adjourned the meeting at 8:23pm.

APPROVED


Village President

ATTEST


Village Clerk

DATE

